

Application No.: 10/681,977  
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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An applicator with piston comprising:

an elongated tubular housing with a sealed applicator tip at a first one end and a piston disposed near a second ~~the other~~ sealed end with a liquid or viscous substance disposed between them, and

an opening means provided at the location of the applicator tip which will allow the first sealed end to be removed to expose the applicator tip,

wherein the liquid or viscous substance is sealed within the elongated tubular housing and may be extracted through the applicator tip when the piston is urged towards the applicator tip by applying pressure on the elongated tubular housing with the user's finger from the second end opposite from the liquid or viscous substance.

Claim 2 (original): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein said opening means is a fracture line on the elongated tubular housing.

Claim 3 (original): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein said applicator tip is made of a rigid material defining a hole that is covered with a film.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said second sealed end.

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Claim 5 (original): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An applicator with piston as in claim 2, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said second sealed end.

Claim 7 (original): An applicator with piston as in claim 2, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An applicator with piston as in claim 3, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said second sealed end.

Claim 9 (original): An applicator with piston as in claim 3, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston comprising:

an elongated tubular housing with a sealed applicator tip at a first one end and a piston disposed near a second the other open end with a liquid or viscous substance disposed between them,

an opening means provided at the location of the applicator tip which will allow the first sealed end to be removed to expose the applicator tip, and

a compression member comprising a hollow elongated member with an open end and a sealed end wherein the open end has an inside diameter approximately that of the outside diameter of the elongated tubular housing and slides over the second open end of the elongated tubular housing,

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wherein when the compression member is urged toward the piston, the enclosed air is compressed and will exert a pressure on the piston to urge it to extract the enclosed liquid or viscous substance out of the elongated tubular housing through the applicator tip

Claim 11 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 10, wherein said opening means is a fracture line on the elongated tubular housing.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 10, wherein said applicator tip is made of a rigid material defining a hole that is covered with a film.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston comprising:

an elongated tubular housing with a sealed applicator tip at a first one end and an second open end with a liquid or viscous substance disposed therein,

an opening means provided at the location of the applicator tip which will allow the first sealed end to be removed to expose the applicator tip, and

a piston member with a piston head with approximately the same outside diameter as the inside diameter of the elongated tubular housing and an elongated slender body is disposed near the second open end,

wherein when the piston member is urged toward the enclosed liquid or viscous substance it will force the enclosed liquid or viscous substance out of the elongated tubular housing through the applicator tip.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 13, wherein said opening means is a fracture line on the elongated tubular housing.

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Claim 15 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 13, wherein said applicator tip is made of a rigid material defining a hole that is covered with a film.